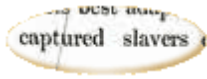


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SOURCE TWO

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Confidential.]

Admiralty, May 6th, 1850.

Sir,

I am directed by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to state to you, that their Lordships are desirous to obtain any information or suggestions which may contribute, and render more effectual, the efforts of Her Majesty's Government to check the Slave Trade.

With this view their Lordships are desirous that you should communicate to them such observations as your acquaintance with the coast may enable you to submit, in the fullest and most unreserved manner.—And their Lordships will consider your communication as confidential.

Their Lordships do not desire in any way to controul or guide the observations you may wish to make, but they think it may be convenient to suggest some points to which your attention will naturally turn.

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2. The class of Vessels best adapted for the service.
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4. As to the best means of securing a regular communication with the Brazils, and England, and the Cape of Good Hope.
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7. Whether it is advisable to alter the present mode of distributing the bounty—and if so, in what manner?
8. What are the best arrangements for coaling and victualling the squadron?

You will direct your answer to me, marked *confidential*.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

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- the methods used to stop the slave trade?
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Captain A Layton To make it Piracy as far as the Masters are concerned would have a very good effect. By landing them on the Coast they are sometimes captured twice in a Twelve months.